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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA VISIT OF UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY GOB AND MISSION OF UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON SEPTEMBER 1. END SUMMARY.

2. QTE AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA, THE MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA VISITED GABORONE FROM 28 AUGUST TO 1 SEPTEMBER 1976.

QTE THE MISSION WAS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR DUNSTAN W. KAMANA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAMBIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA:

HIS EXCELLENCY, AMBASSADOR THEBE D. MOGAMI, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTSWANA TO THE UNITED NATIONS,

MR. LESLIE ROBINSON (GUYANA),
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MR. DAVID WILSON (LIBERIA),

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DR. VLADIMIR PAVICEVIC (YUGOSLAVIA)

MR. NCHIMUNYA J. SIKAULU (ZAMBIA),

MR. THEO-BEN GURIRAB (SWAPO).

QTE HIS EXCELLENCY, SIR SERETSE KHAMA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA, RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. HE WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA:

THE HONORABLE MR. A.M. MOGWE, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
THE HONORABLE MR. D.K. KWELAGOBE, MINISTER OF INFORMATION
AND PUBLIC SERVICE,

MR.L.M. MPOTOKWANE, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT,

MR. M.C. TIBONE, SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,

MR. A.W. KGAREBE, BOTSWANA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ZAMBIA,

DR. THOMAS TLOU, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER,

MR. S.T. KETLOGETSWE, UNDER-SECRETARY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,

MR. L.J.M.J. LEGWAILA, SENIOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE

PRESIDENT,

MR. D. RENDOH, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER,

MR. E. MPOFU, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER,

QTE THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA TO BOTSWANA EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA IN SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN A UNITED NAMIBIA. THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA REAFFIRMED ITS RECOGNITIONFOR THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF NAMIBIA UNTIL INDEPENDENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2248 (S-V) OF 19 MAY 1967.

QTE THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT OF THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA TO BOTSWANA WAS TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT
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OF BOTSWANA AND TO EXAMINE WAYS AND MEANS OF INTENSIFYING THE JOINT ACTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE SPEEDY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH HAVE CONSISTENTLY AFFIRMED, FOR OVER A DECADE, THE INALIENABLE AND IMPRESKRIBBLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA TO SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN A UNITED

NAMIBIA.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION FROM NAMIBIA CONSTITUTES THE ONLY POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA WHICH WILL ALLOW THE FREE AND UNFETTERED EXERCISE BY THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A UNITED NAMIBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 2145 (XXI) OF 27 OCTOBER 1966 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND DENOUNCE THE ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME IN NAMIBIA AND CONDEMN THE ARRESTS AND ACTS OF INTIMIDATION THAT ARE BEING PERPETRATED AGAINST THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA REITERATE THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENT SWAPO TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN A UNITED NAMIBIA. THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE HAS BEEN SOLEMNLY PROCLAIMED BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

QTE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN ITS RESOLUTION 385 (1976) CONDEMNED THE CONTINUED ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THE TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA AS WELL AS THE ILLEGAL AND ARBITRARY APPLICATION OF RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY AND REPRESSIVE LAWS AND PRACTICES IN NAMIBIA. IT ALSO

DEMANDED THAT SOUTH AFRICA URGENTLY MAKE A SOLEMN DECLARATION ACCEPTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA UNDER UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION AND CONTROL AND UNDERTAKING TO COMPLY WITH THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS WITH THE ADVISORY

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OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF 21 JUNE 1971 IN REGARD TO NAMIBIA.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA REAFFIRM THE STATEMENT OF 20 AUGUST 1976 APPROVED BY THE UNITED COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ON THE SO-CALLED PROPOSALS OF SOUTH AFRICA ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA AND REJECT THE STATEMENT TRANSMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF NAMIBIA AS TOTALLY LACKING IN LEGITIMACY AND CONTAINING PROPOSITIONS RIDDLED WITH AMBIGUITIES AND EQUIVOCATIONS. THE PROPOSALS OF THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE UNITED NATIONS, SUCH AS THOSE WHICH PERTAIN TO THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS UNDER UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. THE STATEMENT PREPARED BY SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL

CONFERENCE OF TRIBAL ELEMENTS AND SUPPORTERS OF APARTHEID HAND-PICKED BY THE ILLEGAL SOUTH AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT MAKE ANY PROVISIONS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE APARTHEID LEGISLATION NOR OF THE HOMELAND OR BANTUSTAN POLICIES. INDEED THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IS AN ATTEMPT TO PERPETUATE BOTH POLICIES WITH ALL THEIR DELETERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE INTEGRITY AND UNITY OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ARE OF THE VIEW THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF NON-COMPLIANCE BY SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 385 (1976) THE SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN UNDER THE CHARTER.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ARE OF THE VIEW THAT THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA ARE OF THE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENT SWAPO, THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, HAS REACHED A NEW AND CRITICAL STAGE. IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WILL SUPPORT IN THEFORTH-COMING SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE LEGAL ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TERRITORY UNTIL INDEPENDENCE.

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QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ENCOURAGE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES IN SUPPORT OF SWAPO, THE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

QTE THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND THE MISSION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AGREED TO CARRY ON FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON PROJECTS TO INCREASE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN A UNITED NAMIBIA.

QTE THE MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA THANKED THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA FOR THE WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO IT AND FOR THEIR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE FIRM AND CONSISTENT POSITION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA WITH RESPECT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN SUPPORT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, FREEDOM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE FOR THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE UNQTE.

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